

Amendment to the specification:

Amend the paragraph starting in line 10 on page 14 of the specification as indicated:

The strain of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* B-44 ~~has been~~
was deposited ~~under~~ at the Institute for Fermentation,
Osaka (IFO; 2-17-85, Juso-honmachi, Yodogawa-ku, Osaka,
532-8686, JAPAN) ~~with~~ on March 1, 2001. The deposit
number (accession number) thereof is IFO 16579. ~~Such an~~
This "IFO strain" is available to any person, if desired.

The strain of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* B-44 is
classified to Level 2 according to the biosafety level of
microorganisms proposed by National Institute of
Infectious Diseases (JAPAN). Due to this, National
Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology
(JAPAN), whose previous appellation was National Institute
of Bioscience and Human-Technology, Agency of Industrial
Science and Technology, has refused to receive the strain,
although AIST is an international deposit authority
designated by the Budapest Treaty. This refusal has been
officially admitted by AIST on February 27, 2001.